



WINTER SPORTS

Three teams look to senior leadership for inspiration

16-17

ROARING SUCCESS

The most recent MBA production was full of energy

19



THE BELL RINGER



Montgomery Bell Academy

4001 Harding Road Nashville, TN 37205

2 December 2011

Vol. LXVIII, No. 3



ANDREW DUPUIS/BELL RINGER

A CHANGING OF THE GUARD: Wallace Hall is being overtaken by newer developments on campus. By the time school starts in January, the old, dependable building will be demolished, the Lowry Building will be complete and the new Wallace Dining Hall will be in construction.

Goodbye, Wallace

Eulogizing a building that has become part of the Big Red tradition

By McLean Hudson
News Editor

Tradition is usually thought of as an abstraction, an intangible. When one comes on campus, though, the idea of tradition becomes manifest when one looks around at the buildings, especially the Ball Building and Wallace Hall, the two oldest on campus. The Carter Building, originally

known as the Science Building because the science labs were on the first floor, has been torn down and re-built. Wallace and Ball are, to many long-lived alumni, the physical essence of MBA.

During my sixth-grade year at FRA, my father took me to see my first MBA game, hoping I would join the school a year later. We arrived early for an alumni tailgate, but instead of talking with his friends, my dad grabbed his barbeque sandwich and led me across campus. We stopped in front of a big building about whose history I knew nothing.

"Do you see that classroom right there?" He pointed towards a window in

the corner of the building. "That's where I had Mrs. Lowry's English class." Unable to find an unlocked door, we continued to circle the building as he excitedly peered into the windows of a building he'd spent several years of his life peering out of. I'll admit, I spent much of my private tour thinking about spending the night at a friend's house after the game, but now I regret not soaking up just a little of that building's rich history.

The first time I set foot in Wallace Hall was my first day of high school. I shuffled reluctantly into Dr. Batten's second period English class. It wasn't long before I got bored of grammar and shifted

>> WALLACE, 9

Campus transformation on schedule

By Tarun Mallipeddi
Staff News Writer

While some may think that the progress of the new Lowry Building is slow, Mr. Gioia and the Board of Trustees firmly believe that they can meet the Christmas deadline.

The current plan is for the current Wallace to be torn down as soon as the Lowry Building opens, when the classrooms in the old building will be empty. The Lowry building is currently set to be finished at Christmas Break, in time for the annual Southern Bell Forum, so the school will have a completely new building in the second semester.

Along with the old Wallace, the much-loved (or perhaps much-hated) Debate Building will also be torn down. The debate facilities will be moved to the Lowry building in a two-story complex.

Amidst all these concrete, campus improvements, the school has been raising the funds necessary to build the new Wallace. To build Wallace Hall, the school needs \$14 million. Of that amount, \$12 million will be put into the construction materials and labor while the rest will be used to furnish the inside of the building itself.

The school has already raised \$4

>> CONSTRUCTION, 2

COMMENTARY

Long Mountain project coming to fruition

By John Mellow
News Editor

Over the last several years, the expansion onto Brighton Road, the construction of new soccer fields, riflery ranges and tennis courts, and the rise of the Lowry Building, new Wallace and a parking garage have all been hot topics around campus. The school has been growing at a rapid pace.

Often lost in all the discussion about the exciting projects around campus are updates about the development of the Long Mountain property. As construction at Long Mountain finally comes to an end, the MBA community can now begin to enjoy all that the property has to offer.

In 2006, Montgomery Bell Academy was given by members of the Board of Trustees a property halfway between Nashville and McMinnville. The

land sits atop predictably-named Long Mountain, a wooded peak almost 2000 feet above sea level.

When the school received the land, several possibilities for its use were considered. One option was to build a lodge on the land and make the property a mountain retreat for students and alumni.

After the land was surveyed, another option surfaced. Long Mountain is a relatively isolated property, away from

>> LONG MOUNTAIN, 10

IN THIS ISSUE

REACH FOR THE STARS

Students take advantage of the new observatory **10**



AVOIDING ONE OF THESE

It may be more difficult than you think **24**





COURTESY OF OFFICE

NITWIT, ODDMENT, BLUBBER, TWEAK: Many have made the comparison between the dining hall planned for the new Wallace Building (artist's rendition pictured) and the Great Hall of Hogwarts. The school plans to complete the building by January 2013 without magical assistance.

New Wallace will be ready by January 2013

FROM CONSTRUCTION, 1

million, which should be enough to get the ball rolling on the new building during Christmas break.

The school is obtaining the necessary funds mainly through donations given by supporters of MBA's cause and mission. Although fundraising may seem slow right now, it is not an exact science, and there are enough supporters of the cause to ultimately finish the new building.

One of the main reasons students are hopeful that the school will ultimately succeed in finishing the new Wallace is the myriad of new features being planned for the interior. Who wouldn't want to eat in a Hogwarts dining hall?

The "Great Hall" (as it will be called henceforth) will have large panels on the sides of the Hall inscribed with the names of every single MBA graduate since 1867.

The far end of the Great Hall will feature a huge fireplace with one of Shakespeare's famous quotations: "Strive mightily, but eat and drink as friends."

The new dining hall itself will be 2 1/2 times bigger and the serving area will

be three times bigger than the current Frist Hall.

The two hallways bordering the Great Hall will go outside to patios. There will even be another, smaller formal dining hall next to the main one. This formal hall will also double as a large conference room. The bottom floor of the building will include another kitchen, and the top floor will have 7 classrooms.

On the environmental side, the new building is no slouch either. Many smart recycling technologies will be used in Wallace, including a new trash system in the kitchen area. Many more recyclable materials will be used in the cooking process itself.

In addition, many of the new environmentally friendly technologies will be more convenient than the ones we previously used. A conveyor belt system, similar to that used on many college campuses, will be used to take the trays, plates and silverware to be cleaned.

Even the lighting will be more energy efficient. The lights will only come on in the building if they detect motion, so we can save energy when no one is actually

using some of the rooms. The garbage system will be put in the bottom of the building to create a more aesthetic sense to the Great Hall upstairs.

As students saw in assembly, new water fountains will be placed in Wallace Hall. There will be a little display showing how many water bottles have been saved by using the water from that fountain on each one. The windows will also be more energy efficient.

Luckily, the possibility of another sewage backup like the one earlier this fall is also very slim.

Although the completion of the new Wallace along with the Great Hall may seem to be in the distant future, the building will be well worth the wait. As with all the other campus additions and improvements, this one will be just as unique and groundbreaking.

Mr. Gioia and the Board both believe we can and will finish the new Wallace building within the deadline of January 2013 without the help of the Hogwarts wizards, and the rest of the school eagerly anticipates its arrival.

Biodiesel project part of broader emphasis on sustainability

By Sam Weien
Staff Writer

Over the past few years MBA has made great strides to implement sustainable, environmental technology on the campus. The school



has put in geothermal wells on the lower field and has cut the irrigation bill by collecting excess water runoff in the new parking lot with new, high-tech concrete. However, the green Big Red has begun to undertake a new way to save money and the environment.

Around four years ago, William McDonough, discussing his book *Cradle to Cradle*, spoke to the school at assembly. The main theme of his book is that waste is not truly useless but can actually be used as a nourishing substance.

MBA, trying to adopt this idea, looked for ways they can make the most out of supposed garbage. One of the largest sources of waste on campus is cooking oil that Sage Dining uses to cook our lunches.

The cooking oil that Sage uses currently is disposed in a costly manner. So now, MBA is keeping the cooking oil at home, using it to create biodiesel fuel.

The oil will be removed from the kitchen and sent down to the bottom of the new parking garage. In the garage there are two large vats. The oil is put into the first vat, where it mixes with methanol, with the process expedited by potassium hydroxide.

In this container, one fifth of the methanol is replaced by glycerol, which can be used for lotions and composts. Then, the finished product is stored in the second vat as biodiesel fuel. It makes use of garbage and saves money that we would have to pay to dispose of the cooking oil.

The biodiesel fuel will have a few possibilities on campus. MBA has two large buses, and one of them has an engine that can accept biodiesel. However, the school cannot use it for the second bus because the warranty prohibits it. MBA can, though, still use the new type of fuel to power MBA's tractor.

There are many ideas that MBA is considering to make our campus more environmentally friendly. One idea is that, when they become more widespread and less expensive, solar panels could be placed on the Lowry and new Wallace buildings. The new buildings being constructed will be two of the greenest and most sustainable school buildings in Nashville.

According to Mr. Chenery, one of the largest and easiest strides that we can all take to save the planet is simply turning off the lights.

Big Red mathletes begin season with strong performance

By Aaron Kaplan
Staff Writer

A team of mathletes traveled to Pope John Paul II High School on November 3 to compete in the first of this year's Interscholastic Math League contests.

MBA students, coming off of state championships in Algebra I, Algebra II and Statistics, along with second place in Calculus last year, were eager to defend these titles. MBA took on teams from Ensworth, JPII, MLK, and other local schools. With competitors in every subject, MBA turned out superb test scores.

MBA earned 185 points and first place in Algebra I, with Tony Huang ('17) and Charlie Bailey ('16) leading the MBA squad.

With 179 points, MBA earned first place in Geometry, with outstanding performances by Alvin Zhang ('16) and Tony Ding ('16).

In Algebra II, MBA came away with 180 points and second place, thanks especially to Jordan Pugh ('14) and Josh Rotker ('14).

Earning 180 points in Pre-Calculus, MBA won first place with the excellent scores of Tom Bu ('13) and Hunter Tidwell

('13).

In Calculus, MBA, led by Karthik Sastry ('12) and Edward Wilson ('12), placed seventh, with 165 points.

Finally, MBA earned first place in Statistics, with 170 points, thanks to especially great contributions from Joe Scherrer ('12) and Chris Habermann ('13).

The MBA mathletes look to continue their dominance when they head to Franklin High School on December 1. All contests will culminate in one final competition, at which the year's champion in each subject is crowned.

Veterans Day 2011



TOM BU/BELL RINGER

MBA HONORS VETERANS: An early morning ceremony is held on Veterans (Friday, November 11) to honor the men and women who have served in the armed forces. Tim Bulso ('12) and Brandon Carpenter ('14) raise the flag to commence the event.

English classes switch to anthologies

By Rahul Ramanna
Staff Writer

Over the past year a team of MBA English teachers, consisting of Mr. Tarkington, Mr. Moxley and Mrs. Palmore, has compiled an anthology containing all the short stories and poems in the freshman and sophomore curriculum.

This anthology condenses the students' tote-load from thirteen small books, which were often lost or forgotten, into two larger books, one for each semester.

Teachers had been suggesting this anthology for years, but it only became a possibility now because of a recent change in copyright laws. As of this year, any story published before 1923 is a part of the public domain, and, therefore, can be published by anyone.

MBA's affiliation with Ingram Entertainment was also essential in the publication of this anthology because this connection allows MBA access to a subsidiary of Ingram Entertainment named Lightning Press. This relatively new subsidiary can put together books of any size or quantity at a very reasonable price in a very short time.

In the future, however, these paper copies will become obsolete and be replaced with electronic copies on your iPad, Nook or laptop.

Visitors assess MBA relative to national standards

By Bryan Oslin
Staff Writer

Recently students may have noticed a conspicuous group of strangers wandering around campus. These visitors were involved in the accreditation process through which MBA is officially recognized as meeting the essential requirements of a qualified school.

This process occurs every five years in order for people from outside the school to see what inside observers do not, which is crucial for improving MBA as a community.

SAIS and SACS are the two organizations that determine accreditation in our area. SACS is geared toward public schools, while SAIS (Southern Association of Independent Schools) is geared toward only private schools. MBA, however, is dually accredited by both organizations.

The process before their arrival on campus is extensive. Eighteen months prior, Dr. Rick Seay and the Curriculum Committee (comprised of two teachers from each academic department) started gathering information from each department to develop a 143 page self-study concerning the improvement of MBA, which the school was to give to the members of the organization. All the teachers were vocally

represented, yet the information was filtered through this committee.

This self-study was called the Strategic Plan (2012-2017), outlining where MBA plans to go in the five years for which the SAIS committee gave us its outside feedback.

During their visit to our campus, there was a lot of coordination among different groups on campus. The visitors' schedule included a variety of events, from a luncheon with parents to a breakfast with board members; from a meeting with Headmaster Gioia, Dr. Seay and the department chairs to a discussion with several students.

Some of the questions they asked students concerned the use of electronics in the classroom, the hours of sleep we get each night, the reasonableness of our homework load, and the teachers.

The SAIS committee highlighted many positive aspects of the school, but specifically mentioned that MBA better coordinate the Strategic Plan with the goals of the academic departments. Also, they suggested ways to improve the use of technology and achieve better balance throughout the school.

And, obviously, we are an accredited school.

THE BEST MEDITERRANEAN FOOD...
NOW IN BRENTWOOD!

KALAMATAS

CLASSICAL MEDITERRANEAN
CUISINE REINTERPRETED

FRESH, TASTY AND HEALTHY
MIDDLE EASTERN DELIGHTS
RELAX AND ENJOY OUR
"UPSCALE CASUAL" DINING STYLE.

BRENTWOOD PLACE SHOPPING CENTER
330 FRANKLIN RD., BRENTWOOD
221-4002 • 221-0899

GLENDALE CENTER
3704 HILLSBORO ROAD
383-8700

HOURS
MONDAY - THURSDAY 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
FRIDAY & SATURDAY 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM
SUNDAY (CLOSED)

LIVE MUSIC FRI & SAT • BYOB
\$5 CORKING FEE DONATED TO CHARITY

WE ALSO OFFER A DIFFERENT KIND OF KATERING!
CHECK OUT OUR MENU AT
WWW.EATATKALAMATAS.COM

Students place well at regional art show

Greylon Gawaluck ('12) wins top honors

By Matt Miccioli
Staff News Writer

MBA was invited to submit fifteen works in the Fourth Annual, 2011 Middle Tennessee Regional Art Competition, and seven of those fifteen received recognition and were chosen to be judged in the juried portion of the competition.

The Competition is a way for local artists in sixth through twelfth grade to display to submit pieces into a highly competitive show, and in partnership with the Renaissance Center in Dickson, TN, all selected pieces are displayed at the Center, and the Best-of-Show Winner's piece will be on display permanently. As well as permanent display, the Best-of-Show winner receives a \$500 Purchase Award, and additional monetary awards are also



YOU SAW IT HERE FIRST: Greylon Gawaluck won Best-of-Show at the Regional Art Competition with this print. His work will be displayed on billboards in Middle TN.

given to acclaimed pieces.

Sophomore Andrew Dupius submitted two photos receiving recognition, titled: "Unfolding" and "Orange Marmalade." Senior George Preston received recognition for his Warhol-inspired computer graphic, "Me as Warhol." Daniel Bellet was honored for his printmaking in "Ring of Fire" and John Mark Bellet for his drawing in "Let Me Out." As well as Daniel's, Greylon Gawaluck's print "Aviator Dream" was selected, and Robert Hoover's sculpture,

"Jazzy" was chosen.

These selected pieces and all other qualifiers were further judged by a select panel on November 19. George Preston received Honorable Mention in digital design, Andrew Dupius received Second Place in photography, and John Mark Bellet received First Place in Drawing.

For his outstanding printmaking, Greylon Gawaluck received Best in Printmaking and Best in Show; his work will be displayed on a billboard and he will receive various scholarships for his work.

MBA Debaters participate in international forum

By Jack Thompson
Staff Writer

Three of MBA's finest debaters traveled to Singapore on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to participate in the Prometheus Cup, an international debate tournament.

John Mellow ('13), McKay Proctor ('13) and Kelly Haselton ('12) were invited and accepted this remarkable honor. Coach Robbie Quinn accompanied the students.

As expected, the competition was very strong. Further, the MBA debaters had to adapt hurriedly to a new style and speed of debating.

Our team met keen opposition in the preliminary rounds, even debating the world champions and losing only on some minute issues.

In the end, though, the Montgomery Bell teams failed to break into the quarterfinals, missing by only a minuscule margin of one speaker point.

The brave, surely tired unit of debaters will not be returning to present Mr. Gioia with a trophy and a firm handshake, but we must all recognize that simply being present at this worldwide tournament is a feat in itself.

Big Red leads the way in participation at Race for the Cure

By John Triplett
Staff News Writer

It was the cool, crisp morning of October 29th in Maryland Farms, and the roads were packed with people for the service event of the month: Race for the Cure.

Although it was quite cold, with a temperature in the low 30s, many people came out to run, walk, jog or even juggle their way through the 5K or one-mile race. MBA had a massive number of people at the race—most registered, but some just came at the spur of the moment, thanks to the varsity football team and countless other sports teams and advisory groups.

The group took a picture and then moved onto the race area where they waited until about 9:15, when it started. It was very nice weather and it warmed up as the day progressed, encouraging many to run longer. The scenery of Brentwood was also a very nice aspect of the run of that fine morning. Not only did the weather improve, but there were many volunteers along the side of the road cheering the participants on or providing much needed water.

Once the run was finished there

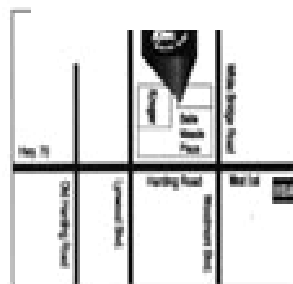
was also a village type of area where there was lots of free stuff. Everyone loves free stuff!

Not only did MBA have a massive amount of people participate in the race, but the school also raised a large quantity of money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation by selling coffee and wristbands, A Boy Named Banjo benefit concert and the ever-popular MBA Race for the Cure T-shirt. MBA raised more money for this cause than any other entity in the state.

With all the emphasis and hype put on this event through announcements at assembly and advisory and the selling of merchandise during lunch periods and the football games, MBA really stepped up, with the highest participation (299) contribution of money (\$35,468).

This year was one of the best years for MBA in its relationship with Race for the Cure. Credit should be given to all the people who attended the race, Mrs. Williams and Eric Walsh ('12), who spearheaded the effort. The many people involved in putting this event together worked very hard and made it once again another successful year for MBA in the Race for the Cure.

Buy Any Size Smoothie
Get One Smoothie of
Equal or Lesser Value FREE!



4546 Harding Pike
Nashville, TN 37205
Phone (615) 383-7757

RESTRICTIONS:

- Expires April 20 2012
- Original Coupons Only
No copies or downloads
- Valid in Store Only
- Cannot be redeemed by
combining two smalls/
mediums into a large



JET'S PIZZA®

LIFE IS SHORT. EAT BETTER PIZZA.®

GREEN HILLS

2010 Richard Jones Road

615-292-2020

*Nashville's Best Pizza
3 Years Running!*



WEST END

2323 Elliston Place

615-329-8600

**WE
DELIVER!**



DINE-IN AVAILABLE

**Buy One Large One-Topping Pizza
& Get a 10-Piece Jet's Bread® FREE!**



\$10.99

Expires 05/31/2012. Green Hills & West End locations only. Extra cheese, chicken and tax additional. Carry out only. Must present coupon. Only one coupon per order. Prices and offers subject to change without Notice. MONTGOMERY2011.



THE BELL RINGER

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
Karthik Sastry

EXECUTIVE EDITOR
Scott Dalton

NEWS EDITORS
McLean Hudson, John Mellow

FEATURES EDITOR
Daniel Mace

SPORTS EDITOR
George Swenson

ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR
James Joyce

OPINIONS EDITOR
McKay Proctor

BUSINESS MANAGER
Daniel Mace

ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGER
Sam Weien

FACULTY ADVISERS
Mr. Anderson Gaither
Mrs. Anne Christeson
Mr. Matt Hutton

MEMBER, TENNESSEE HIGH SCHOOL PRESS
ASSOCIATION

The Bell Ringer is a non-profit newspaper operated and published by and for the students of Montgomery Bell Academy, who are its intended audience. Views expressed in The Bell Ringer do not necessarily represent those held by the staff or school.

Letters to the Editor are encouraged, and can be delivered to the Bell Ringer office, the Faculty Advisors or the Editors, or sent to bellringer@fc.montgomerybell.com (simply type 'Bell Ringer' into First Class). These letters must be signed; The Bell Ringer neither publishes anonymous submissions of opinions or articles nor permits individuals to remain unidentified unless protected by other rules of confidentiality at MBA. Letters will be edited for length and clarity.

The staff of The Bell Ringer prepares all copy, headlines, and photographs at Montgomery Bell Academy. Tennessean/Gannett in Nashville, Tennessee, prints the paper.

Student leadership in pep rallies needs to be preserved

Today The Bell Ringer mourns the loss of one of the most treasured aspects of the Hill: the student-run pep rally.

Rife with innuendo, jabs at the administration and at least one event designed specifically to demean a microbe, the pep rallies of yesteryear were a staple of every home football game.

Each event was anticipated by all students and the duly-elected student body president never seemed to disappoint his constituency. This year, however, a marked change arose when power became increasingly concentrated in the hands of the athletic administration. The fateful words *never again* finally sealed the pep rally's fate. (A decree referencing either student leadership or genuine entertainment at pep rallies, no one quite knows.)

Despite the occasionally offended cheerleader, belittled faculty member or emotionally scarred seventh-grader, student-led pep rallies provided a much-needed public forum for student expression.

Furthermore, a sense of ownership and participation from the student body promotes school spirit better than any possible administrative action could.

Pep rallies were previously a delicate balance of humor and genuine enthusiasm for MBA football. These wholesome events were one of the last remaining areas for independent student expression. Each pep rally was led by a senior elected by the student body, not simply appointed by the athletic administration behind closed doors. The enthusiasm displayed by this leader was mirrored by the students he was elected to represent.

With regards to humor, there was always a line, and, for the most part, it was never crossed. There were light-hearted teacher impressions and senior-favored competitions. Amazingly enough, the seniors at that time were able to use their own moral compasses to decide appropriate material. If there ever was doubt about certain material, it was cleared by the

administration beforehand. Sure, the occasional off color joke slipped in from time to time, but the overall sentiment of the pep rally was always about bringing the student body together in a jocular manner. Each pep rally was about more than getting excited about the night's game; the rally also provided a cathartic release of pent-up emotions after a long week.

The administration recently wanted more control over pep rallies. Maybe a few of the jabs hit a little too close to home, or they decided we were just having too much fun. A little oversight is not a bad thing, as long as the student body still feels in control of the program. Otherwise, apathy sets in as the students realize they have no vested interest in the pep rallies.

The current state of the program is exactly what the administration should avoid. An administration-heavy pep rally destroys the camaraderie that pep rallies previously encouraged. Frankly, a program designed by an administration for political correctness has the danger of becoming about as entertaining as a social awareness meeting.

In addition, the entire idea of a mandatory pep rally tends to defeat the whole purpose of building school spirit.

The pep rally still has potential for redemption. The onus is on our seniors to push for more ownership again. There might have been a few poor jokes in the past (as a rule, it's never a good idea to overtly make fun of individual faculty members). But past mistakes cannot justify eliminating all senior control.

Pep rallies these days are a sorry affair that, if anything, manages to diminish school spirit. The school could pursue new options: guest speakers or a thirty-minute bananas chant. Bottom line: the current template of a senior reading a script followed by a day-by-day prayer huddle is not achieving the goal of motivating our student body and needs to be addressed.

DO YOU ENJOY GOOD TIMES AND THE SMELL OF FRESHLY PINTED PAPER?

Write for *The Bell Ringer*! Don't waste the best years of your life.



A nuclear whimper

What we learned from the NBA lockout

By McKay Proctor
Opinions Editor

There was a time during the NBA lockout when I lost hope. Despite the general sports savvy of this campus, I seemed extraordinarily alone. I'd already exchanged tearful mourning on the nonsensical course of the negotiations with anyone that would listen. Everyone else failed to care. I understand.

The Southeast is a region where football reigns supreme and the NBA is a sport in which no team from the Cotton Belt has even made a Finals appearance. I understand that a good number of you will see this article and skip to the class news, but those of you who stay, hear me out.

What the sporting community has seen over the last four months is a masterwork on the part of the NBA owners. They had simultaneously proven to care the least about the season but care the most about the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (henceforth known as CBA), while the players cared more about getting their pay checks and almost as much about the terms of the CBA. What arose was a perfect storm of nonchalance and blame shielding that nearly cost the NBA a season.

How did this struggle arise? It seems that after the explosion of attention on the NBA playoffs last year, the league would have re-upped no matter the cost. Even as the playoffs reached full swing, some owners looked on knowing they lost vast amounts of money in the most money-making year the NBA had ever had.

If this seems contradictory, it is. How could the owners be losing money in a year where the league made four billion dollars in Basketball Related Income (henceforth known as BRI). Here begins the finger pointing. The problem does not necessarily stem from either of these two sides, but from the General Managers that are their go betweens.

Story time! In 1998, when half of the newest crop of seventh-graders weren't alive, there was an NBA lockout, not unlike this one, which ended with the current CBA. The players and the owners would receive 57% and 43% of the BRI respectively, contracts would be guaranteed and binding and there would be no "hard cap" or finite amount of money that teams could spend on players. Teams would instead pay

a "luxury tax" that would allow them to be over the soft cap.

The system worked, everyone was happy. Then technology happened. Turns out that when people can, for the price of two tickets, sit on their couch, have six games on at one time and do it every night of the week, they're less prone to go to a stadium where they squint to see little stick figures dribbling a little orange ball and have the guy next to them jostle their overpriced soft drinks and lukewarm popcorn onto their similarly overpriced Foam Finger.

Owners had let the players have so much BRI because they relied on the revenue from people coming to games and buying seven dollar drinks. When that revenue stream dried up, they panicked. Some smaller-

Can someone please just drop their ego and admit fault? Because if nobody can overcome their pride, we'll have the exact same problems the next time.

market teams like Sacramento and Charlotte ran underwater last season. The owners were justifiably angry, but the problem cannot be totally laid off on the revenue split.

General Managers across the league had started an arms race at some point where they would grossly overpay for role players and mid-level guys who do not necessarily contribute to the revenue of the team. The owners overacted in trying to cap the salaries of the players they need the most - the upper crust of guys that bring people to the arenas - and failed to address the midlevel problem.

Fast forward to November 6, 2011. After 4 months of unsurprisingly unfruitful negotiations, things became unsurprisingly complicated. David Stern, the league commissioner, announced that the owners were going to offer one final ultimatum. The players would accept 51% of BRI and a system tilted heavily in the owners' favor by Wednesday night or the owners would reopen negotiations, with the players receiving a maximum of 47% of

BRI Thursday morning.

Stern was bluffing. They players knew he was bluffing, the media knew he was bluffing, even the owners knew he was bluffing, but they were in an attempt to force the players to sign a deal to allow a season. If this sounds nothing like negotiation, it's because it's nothing like rational negotiation.

The players, though, thought they could live with a 51-49 BRI split, so they came back on Wednesday night and asked for six revisions to the proposal. That was it. SIX TWEAKS TO THE SYSTEM. Anyone with a brain and a team of lawyers would have gone into a back room, changed those six things, handed the owners a pen and ended the lockout. The owners, however, went back and ADDED to the proposed CBA, making it even more restrictive for the players. They gave the players the weekend to think over the proposal, backing down quietly from Stern's brinksmanship. The players came back with a bombshell. They thought that the collective bargaining process was getting them nowhere. So, it was time for another, more drastic, course of action.

The players began the process of "decertification," which is a big scary term for basically suing the owners for a season and a fair CBA. When Billy Hunter, head of the players' union, declared their intent to decertify, it took most people by surprise for two reasons: first, because the players and owners were incredibly close to a deal. A seven-point gap in BRI had melted to one measly point. Vast disagreements about the payment system have come down to mostly minor squabbles. For a time, it seemed like things were actually going to work out for the better. Then the negotiations entered what Stern called "Nuclear winter" in an interview with ESPN. Second, this decision to decertify meant that there was virtually zero chance of an NBA season, the worst case scenario for the five hundred players in the NBA.

There was been analysis on top of analysis about how to break the stalemate and what caused it from every sports media source imaginable. In the end, the problem came down to the inability of either side to put the finger-pointing of the negotiations on the shelf and start accepting

blame where blame is warranted.

It would be comical if I wasn't crying with my face buried in my Zach Randolph jersey. Everyone handled this whole situation in what might be the worst way possible, but no one admitted that they messed up because that would give the other side leverage. Until one side or the other was willing to admit that they were in the wrong, these negotiations continued to be an unconquerable will crashing heads with a bottomless pocketbook.

Stern let the owners get too much control of him, but he never admitted it. Billy Hunter and Derek Fisher blindly lead the players into a six-month legal process that could easily come back fruitless, but no one admitted it. The owners themselves made a mockery of Stern and tried to back the players into a corner ("Nobody puts Baby in a corner"), but they never admitted it. Players never questioned the decisions of their leadership, nor made their individual opinions known, but they'll never admit to being led on a wild goose chase. The media overemphasized the importance of leverage and drove the negotiations off a cliff, but they'll never admit that that was their fault.

Then, in the middle of the night, the lockout ended. On Black Friday, word of a deal worked out between Stern and Hunter reached the ears of so many devoted fans. There would be a 66 game season. After 150 days of lockout, we only lost 16 games.



Ironically enough, these labor negotiations ended a full month and a half before the negotiations of 1998 had. Somehow, Billy Hunter and David Stern managed to scrape together enough brain power between the two of them to realize what just about everyone else in the situation realized when talks of a lockout began. Nobody wins when the teams don't play. So crisis averted! Billy and David can dust each other off and ride into the sunset knowing that they somehow saved the season.

But have the sides actually learned anything? They learned to get along when it mattered, but there has been no mea culpa. Nobody came after the new CBA was announced and said "I'd like to apologize for stretching what could have taken 3 days to a 4 month long ordeal." It's almost like we as fans are supposed to forget about the 4 out months we spent on edge and just love David Stern and Billy Hunter for being so magnanimous as to give us a season. I want someone to apologize! I want vindication! Can someone please just drop their ego and admit fault? Because if nobody can overcome their pride, we have the exact same problems the next time we have to re-up.

I'll probably forget all about this come Christmas, but it just doesn't bode well for whenever this CBA expires. As long as ego dominates reason in collective bargaining, Nuclear Winter will exist. I'm looking at you Mr. Stern. It's only getting colder.

Sizing up the GOP candidates

A Republican's perspective

By **Davis Lovvorn**
Opinion Contributor

Now, I know most of you either don't really know who is running for President on the Republican side in 2012, don't know who any of the candidates even are, or might say: "I don't care about politics! It doesn't affect me!" Let me tell those of you who side with the third excuse: start caring now. President Obama has thrown our

country into turmoil. To name a few examples, he has plunged our country into national debt with excessive spending and bailouts, he has introduced America to socialism by implanting government-funded health care, which has many problems which I won't go into, including an increase in spending leading to more debt, downgraded the USA's credit score by excessive spending and given speeches to other countries apologizing for American behavior in one way or another.

There are many candidates available, and Republicans have worried that this separation would increase sectionalism. Some who did not run include former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal and New Jersey Governor Chris Christie. I will rank candidates according to their plans, experience and flaws that could cost them the election.



1. MITT ROMNEY

Former Governor of Massachusetts (2003-2007)

My personal favorite candidate for President in 2012. He has served as Governor of Massachusetts and has been the CEO of successful group Bain Capital. On his first day in office, he plans to abolish President Obama's health care plan. However, he does not plan to let Medicare lie idle; he plans to reform it a little, with steps like cutting the ability for lawyers to sue doctors when the damages are not the doctor's fault. He also plans to cut taxes and spending. On foreign policy, Romney believes in a firm hand with Iran and reasserting American greatness throughout the world. However, with his experience and his success in debates, I think Romney is the best hope for defeating Obama.

FLAWS: Romney passed a health care plan similar to Obamacare in Massachusetts when he was governor, so Republicans worry about his consistency on issues. Romney has defended his actions by saying that government-controlled healthcare is what Massachusetts needed at the



2. HERMAN CAIN

Former CEO of Godfather's Pizza (1986-1996)

Herman Cain is perhaps the favorite on the Republican side. Cain has won some of the debates he has participated in and done extremely well in others. Cain bases his campaign on his experience as a successful businessman and not a career politician. Unlike all the other candidates, Cain has a specific tax plan, "9-9-9," which sets at a flat nine percent the national sales tax, household tax (down from 35%) and capital gains tax on investments. Critics claim it is too simplistic; Cain argues that its simplicity is its beauty. Cain also believes in a firm hand in Iran.

FLAWS: Cain finds himself in the middle of a sexual harassment scandal for which the media have been hounding him. Cain denies all charges, and no criminal action has been taken.

time. Also, while Romney was governor, Massachusetts had the 47th ranked economy in the nation. That puts his state in the 6th percentile.



3. RICK PERRY

Governor of Texas (2000-Present)

Rick Perry used to be the clear frontrunner for the race, but has since fallen back due to poor performances in debates. An Air Force veteran, Perry is a patriot who plans to stand firm with America's allies. Perry's state of Texas has created 40% of America's jobs since 2009. He has a specific "Cut, Balance and Grow" plan that cuts taxes and provides millions of jobs by 2020. Perry plans to repeal Obamacare as well. Perry's main stance in national security is securing the border against illegal immigration, a huge issue in his home state of Texas.

FLAWS: Perry should be the clear frontrunner, but terrible performances in debates have set him back. Perry stutters and fails to answer questions with conviction. Additionally, he forgot about one of his plans in a debate, stating only a feeble "Oops." If Perry does not get his act together, he could well be out of the race.



4. NEWT GINGRICH

Former Speaker of the House (1995-1999)

Newt Gingrich is a lightning-rod of in-your-face, tell-it-like-it-is politics who has risen lately due to strong performances in debates. Gingrich bases his candidacy on a 21st-Century "Contract with America" much like the one he presided over when he was Speaker. The new contract includes legislative orders to create jobs, a series of first-day executive orders and a citizen involvement system to change the government by 2021. Unlike other candidates, Gingrich has a specific "Patient Power" healthcare reform plan that has more base and workability than any other healthcare plan.

FLAWS: Gingrich has had his own sexual problems in the past, but unlike Cain, his were proven against him. His personal life, and his tendency to say what is on his mind, brings him down to the #4 spot when he should be #2.



5. MICHELE BACHMANN

Representative of Minnesota's Sixth District (2007-Present)

Bachmann has been the dark horse of the Republican primaries so far. She has plans for deep spending and tax cuts. Bachmann plans to repeal Obamacare but does not yet have a specific plan of her own. For national security, she plans to stand with Israel, secure the border, and won't stop the war on terror until there is no more terrorism left. Bachmann wants to continue offshore drilling in the Gulf as well.

FLAWS: Perhaps Bachmann's biggest flaw is that she has not really made any progress in the polls since June. Bachmann does not have many specific plans and has only performed with mediocrity in the debates. She will have to work her way up to have a chance.

OTHER CANDIDATES: Rick Santorum, Pennsylvania senator, has performed well in debates but has recently been downgraded for his former support of Jerry Sandusky, former Penn State defensive coordinator who has been arrested for more than 40 cases of child sex abuse. Ron Paul, a stalwart Libertarian, has found his way into the support of many Tea Party conservatives but has been ridiculed for his support of completely defunding education at the federal level.

VICE PRESIDENCY: Since I really only think Romney and Cain have a chance of winning, that leaves the others for the vice president slot. I think that the best vice president would be ones who have experience in the House of Representatives. Therefore, the two best choices would be Newt Gingrich and Michele Bachmann. Rick Perry, a power who has disappointed with the Presidency, would work well too. Don't be surprised if Sarah Palin gets a look also.

DAVIS' IDEAL TICKET:
Mitt Romney / Michele Bachmann

PREDICTION:
Herman Cain / Mitt Romney



ANDREW DUPUIS/BELL RINGER

BEFORE THE DEMOLITION: Students go about their daily business in the Wallace Building. Soon enough, these classrooms and hallways will be no more, known only as part of school history.

When the walls of tradition are knocked down

FROM WALLACE, 1

my attention to the beautiful day outside. I spotted a tiny junior-schooler staring into our classroom, and it struck me suddenly that I had stood in the same spot three years ago, half listening to my dad recounting stories from the best English class he ever took.

I spent much of that class in awe, thinking of my place in the school's history and wondering if some day my son would sit in the same spot and recall some vague memory of a story I had told him.

When I learned I would be writing this piece, I decided it might help my angle if I talked with a few of the teachers who had spent much of their careers in Wallace. I spoke with Mr. Kelly, who has been teaching in his classroom in Wallace for 14 years; Dr. Batten, who is in the 26th year in his classroom; and Mr. Gaither, who is working on his 41st year in the ol' W15.

I asked what Wallace Hall meant, both to the teachers and to the school. Mr. Kelly, who allows each of his students to write a quote from British literature on his walls at the end of the year, had this to say: "Mine is the only room I've taught

in at MBA. On the walls of my classroom are the voices of my students through the years. It's going to be difficult to leave it behind."

Mr. Gaither and Dr. Batten agreed that what they will miss most about Wallace is the comfort and familiarity. Said Mr. Gaither: "It's like an old friend." Though a bit nostalgic, these teachers are very excited for their new classrooms. "That building is swanky," said Dr. Batten.

All three would like to keep some similarities with their new rooms, but Dr. Batten primarily wants to keep a few of his framed pieces in the back of the classroom, some of which belonged to the legendary Mrs. Lowry before him. When asked if his new room would still be a harbor (of peace and serenity), Mr. Gaither responded: "Oh, absolutely. Mr. Gaither is the calming influence."

Not until a few weeks ago did I ever sit facing Wallace Hall from the benches in the quad and think about that first day in English class. I recalled my thought, wondering if my son would ever peer unknowingly into the same classroom. I realized that the answer was no. In a

matter of months, the most iconic building on campus would disappear, and no one would ever look out of or into that window again.

Though I think my histrionic sister may be rubbing off on me, I remember feeling a sudden wave of emotion. I imagined myself, on the last day of exams, walking to my car in the gym parking lot and turning to see the tradition-filled Wallace Hall one last time. I might even tear up as a stream of carefree boys roll past, while I fixate on the smiley face or block-lettered name someone had printed on the side of the building with chalked-up erasers. As I turn away, I will think that neither my dad nor I nor any alumnus or student will ever see it again, and then I will say goodbye to Wallace Hall.

Perhaps I'm being a tad overly dramatic, and it's possible that I'll mindlessly run off to my holiday plans with the rest of the school, but no matter what, I'll return to see a very different Wallace Hall, either a pile of its remains or the bare frame of its successor rising up at the end of the quad.

Even with the incredible new

building planned to take its place, I can't help feeling that in losing Wallace Hall, MBA is losing part of itself. When I posed this question to the teachers, Mr. Kelly said, "Absolutely. Wallace is a big part of our campus, but the school has always been about the boys and their voices."

Said Mr. Gaither: "Any time you change something, you must simply hope that what's gained is greater than what's lost. Progress has always left something in its wake. With progress something is always broken, whether it be a building or a heart."

Weeks from now, while we are all far too preoccupied with video games or the approaching Bassnectar concert to be concerned with MBA, Wallace will come crashing down. Mr. Moxley's Big Red Wheel will cease to spin, the harbor will cease to exist and my little window in the corner will shatter.

Though I'll long remember my experiences in Wallace, I believe better things, like the incredible new dining hall, are to come. And I've spent a few passing minutes observing the new Lowry building, and I must say, there are some mighty fine windows out of which to look.

The view from Long Mountain



TOM BU/BELL RINGER

SCENES FROM LONG MTN.: Since acquiring the property in 2006, MBA has put about one million dollars into its development (the observatory, left, being one of the most tangible examples). The 150-acre tract is located in an area considered to be one of the most scenic in all the Cumberland Plateau region (right).

As development phase ends, property's amenities come to light

FROM LONG MOUNTAIN, 1

many towns and cities. The light emitted from houses, cars, street lamps and other staples of suburbia often brightens the night sky as it escapes into the atmosphere, an effect called light pollution. Thus, in Nashville, many stars and entire constellations are no longer visible in the night sky.

Long Mountain is removed from this light pollution, thus making the property ideal for an observatory. The school decided that it could create the same mountain retreat environment with an observatory as an added bonus.

Construction began in 2008 and was finally completed several months ago. The telescope is now functional, producing high quality images of the night sky.

Dr. Dickens, who teaches the astronomy course at MBA, has been learning from Mr. Mark Manner, an astronomer knowledgeable with telescopes

and the ins and outs of the telescope at Long Mountain. Dr. Dickens will be in charge of managing MBA's observatory.

The school hopes that in the future it can occasionally lease the observatory to universities and organization in the mid-state but is still working out legal arrangements for concerns such as liability issues. In the future, the telescope will not only capture beautiful and educational images for students and the astronomy class but might also be a tool for astronomy for institutions throughout the mid-state.

The observatory was not the only project that MBA undertook at Long Mountain. The school has spent about \$1,000,000 dollars on the property as a whole. Much of that sum has gone to the observatory, but MBA has also built a sports field, created a manmade lake, installed trails and created campsites so that the property can have multiple uses.

The original plans called for

two sports fields, but surveys of the sight revealed the ground available for the second field was not able to drain well. Instead, one well-irrigated athletic field was built, which can be used during retreats, summer camps and other school events that will take place at the property.

A four-acre lake has also been created at the site and stocked by an East Tennessee company with thousands of bass and smaller fish for the bass to feed on. A small dock and canoe rack has also been built on the lake. These developments ensure that fishing will be one of the possible activities for visitors to Long Mountain.

In addition to the athletic field and lake, a campsite has been cleared so that visitors can pitch a tent and camp out in the woods. Throughout the property are trails for campers to hike and explore nature. The trails will be useful in the future for the Environmental Studies classes and the

Envirothon program at MBA.

The Long Mountain property has been a project years in the making, and the possibility for expansion remains. The school is still interested in building cabins and a lodge on the property, but right now it is focused on fundraising for the construction on campus. At the present time, therefore, construction has ceased on the Long Mountain property. An observatory, athletic field, lake, and campsites all exist for the community to use.

Some are already making good use of the property. Leadership retreats and outdoor painting trips have already taken place at Long Mountain.

Another chapter of exciting expansion at MBA has come to a close. Present construction at the property has ended, allowing more and more of the community to discover the many uses and benefits of the Long Mountain property.

Students start working with observatory

By Joe Scherrer
Staff Astronomer

After years of planning, construction and setup, the Long Mountain Observatory is finally ready to be opened to the MBA community, and a few individuals have already been making good use of the facility. Two pioneers of the observatory effort, Dr. Dickens and junior Adam Bowman ('13), have perfected remote operation of the telescope and have taken several high-quality astronomical photos, two of which are pictured here. They plan to hold a workshop for other interested students and faculty in telescope operation, and several public viewing nights are also in the works.

Students should contact Dr. Dickens if they are interested in getting involved.



BEYOND THE VEIL: The Veil Nebula in Cygnus is a supernova remnant, a cloud of gas from a star that catastrophically exploded several thousand years ago. Cred. Dr. Jim Dickens and Adam Bowman



COMET STREAK: Comet Garradd, a comet discovered in 2009. If you look closely, you can see both the white dust tail and the blue-green ion tail of the comet. Cred. Dr. Jim Dickens and Adam Bowman

Students are getting their first exposure to MBA's 150-acre property in Warren County. *The Bell Ringer* takes a closer look.

Leadership Retreat an opportunity for bonding, introspection

By McLean Hudson
News Editor

On November 12, several busloads of boys gathered at MBA before heading up to Long Mountain for the overnight Leadership Retreat.

After a short drive and possibly an hour of Brooks Best's alphabet game, we arrived on the property. Almost immediately we were put to the test on the low ropes course. Highlights there were Jordan Whitaker's humping it (literally) over the high bar and Connor Murphy's bending like a pretzel on the trust fall, where Cade Hooper caught Connor—almost single handedly—but lost his sunglasses in the process.

After the low ropes course, we made our way back to the observatory/camp site and ate lunch. With a little food in our tummies, we proceeded to set up our tents around the observatory. Some free time followed, filled with anything from football, to fishing (Jack Benton had the only catches of the day, and he did so with a fly rod), to taking a Polar Bear Plunge when the canoes just were not exciting enough.

Afterwards, we went repelling

down a forty foot rock face with a gentleman from Climb Nashville; following the descent, some people went back to chill at camp while others chose to cavort around various boulders in the immediate vicinity.

Next came the Big Red Race, a relay between the grades which involved a sprint around the observatory, and canoe race, a sprint to and mounting of the high bar, another run back to the lake and a lap around the lake broken up by twenty pushups on the dock. The juniors completely dominated, led very clearly by Landon Bullock and his pushups.

After more football and an excellent dinner in the observatory, we watched clips from various movies and discussed the qualities of leadership in each, and got a talk from Coach Shone on the same subject. Then Dr. Dickens taught us about how the observatory is used and operated and showed us a couple of cool pictures he had taken with the telescope.

With a little chill in the air and night having fallen, we headed over to an empty field to start a fire and roast s'mores. Led in song by Cade Hooper and Wilson Johnson, the whole group enjoyed the simple pleasures of relaxing around the fire.

That fire, however, eventually got a little bigger and the Big Red had to take some evasive actions: Ms. Raines told us to roll the logs we'd been sitting on towards the fire to contain it, but Jack Wagster got a little excited and just threw his log on the fire. Funny thing about adding a lot of dry, dead wood to a fire: it doesn't put out the fire.

As the fire slowly ate up more and more of the surrounding wood, DeCoursey Beach and Hamilton Millwee ran to a get a fire extinguisher from the observatory. With Brooks manning the extinguisher... nothing really happened. The extinguisher emptied in about ten seconds and the fire was barely affected. Note to everyone: fire extinguishers do almost nothing against raging bonfires.

With a lot of dead grass and trees for an uncontrolled fire to eat at, we were left with few options. Ms. Raines said I should use some sort of euphemism for what we did so that no one could really understand it, but I'll just say it: we peed on it. Way more effective than a fire extinguisher. Stay hydrated, men.

After this incredible feat of practical problem solving skills, we were

all exhausted out so we settled down for the night. Far too early in the morning, we were woken for breakfast and the last of our movie clip/leadership study sessions, where we watched a few scenes from "Band of Brothers." Unfortunately I was grumpy during that part because I never got a Pop-Tart.

My spirits were soon lifted though along with everyone else's by a big football game on the field. It was pretty awesome all the way around, and we learned that Ben Shankle is an excellent quarterback. The game ended on a high note with a pick-six by Ryan Potter who capped off his dash to the endzone with a Marshawn Lynch-style dive across the pylon.

With another great game in the books, we loaded back up in the buses and headed back to MBA. Though I can honestly say the last bus ride was one of the most uncomfortable in my life, I must say the rest of the trip was awesome and really surprised me overall. If you get the chance in the future, you should definitely think about going. You might even find a really nice fishing rod in the lake if you look hard enough.



TOM BU AND MR. NORTON

A LAND OF MANY WONDERS: During the school-sponsored leadership retreat, students are exposed to Long Mountain's numerous attractions. Cliffs and bluffs offer ample climbing opportunities (top right); scientific sensors give real-time weather information (top right); the lake is full of fish and refreshingly cold. (bottom left). All in all, it is a great place to relax (bottom right)

Hidden Stories

The Bell Ringer profiles students and teachers whose tales fly under the radar. In this issue: two seniors who love the outdoors, and a teacher who immigrated to the U.S. from Venezuela.



COURTESY OF OFFICE

NICE CATCH: William Reames ('12) shows off a whopper of a fish. Both he and Wills Brooks ('12) enjoy the great outdoors.

William and Wills go hunting

By Hayden Palm
Staff Biographer

Many of us remember the story from last year: Wills Brooks ('12) sitting in the park with his date, the spotting of the unwelcome raccoon, the palming of the rusty red brick and the well-aimed, deadly strike.

I needed a student with an interesting pastime to investigate for this article, so I recalled the raccoon incident, which prompted me to explore the hobby of hunting in the life of Wills, as well as of William Reames ('12), another skilled marksman.

Wills does most of his hunting on the family farm, 200 acres of land nestled in a forested valley of East Tennessee. He began shooting with his dad at the age of 7 and has hunted ever since, predominately tracking small game such as rabbits, squirrels, quail and, occasionally, deer.

Talking about his best kill, he described a nighttime pursuit in which he crawled within 10 feet of a small buck before making the kill. "The adrenaline and excitement that I felt," he said, "was incredible. That's what hunting is all about."

While he likes the sport, Wills is a sympathetic hunter who does most of his hunting with a shotgun to produce an instant kill. On his one attempt at bow hunting, he shot a deer that bounded away with the arrow in its side.

This experience motivated him to retire his bow and spare another animal from enduring the same fate.

When he is not hunting, Wills likes to fly-fish on the Katy Fork River where he catches a variety of trout and bass.

Like Wills, William began his hunting career at the age of 7 with his dad at Buffalo River Ranch. He was instantly hooked on the sport and began to hunt several times a month. On one particular occasion, he, John Morphis ('12) and MBA alum Scott Herring "limited-out" on ducks, shooting a total of 21.

While he does most of his hunting on the ranch, William has also hunted ducks, pigeons and doves in Argentina, which boasts the largest dove population in the world. He recalled one day of the trip in which he alone shot 23 ducks.

While he enjoys hunting, William is also a traveled fisherman who has fished on the Smith River in Wyoming, the Lake of the Woods in Canada and the Atlantic Ocean in the Florida Keys. In Canada, he caught a 3-foot Northern Pike that earned him acclaim in the *Tennessean*.

When asked how he felt about hunting, William affirmed Wills' opinion, saying, "It's great. The thrill and adrenaline that you get from hunting game—man, there's just nothing like it."

From Caracas to Nashville: Dr. Carro's journey

By Mr. Jamie Tillman
Staff Biographer

How far is Caracas, Venezuela, from Nashville? Did you guess 2,159 miles? Too far? Not for Dr. Gabe Carro!

MBA's own Gabe Carro grew up in Caracas. He graduated from Alexander Humboldt High School, a private co-ed high school in the midst of a bubbling city with a population of over five million.

The school was half German, with all classes taught in German, and half Venezuelan. Even the native Spanish speakers had to master German. When asked how the school differed from MBA, Dr. Carro answered: "It was co-ed; it was secular; interschool sports were not as popular as they are in Nashville; high school life was much simpler—not as many demands. We ate lunch at school only two days a week. I rode a public bus to and from school. 2:00 was lunch time; dinner was about 7:30, and it was a lighter meal. There was no choice in the curriculum—classes were fixed. Kids got in trouble just like in the U.S."

After graduation from Humboldt High School, Gabe Carro arrived in the U.S. at age 18 to study metallurgical engineering at UT Knoxville. In 1983, with a Bachelor of Science in hand, he entered Vanderbilt University for a master's and Ph.D. program.

His doctorate was completed in 1990 when he successfully defended his dissertation titled "Containerless / Rapid Solidification Processing of Ni3 Al-Cr Alloys: Microstructural Evolution and Its Effect on Mechanical Properties." It is not easy reading.

Dr. Carro entered the business world with an internationally known automotive components manufacturer, TRW Company. From there he went to the Sandvik Corporation, a Swedish company that had a division that manufactured tools for the worldwide forestry

“If a country is good enough to provide personal and economic freedom, then one should embrace all it offers: good and bad, opportunity and responsibility, its language and people.”

—Dr. Gabe Carro, from a letter published in the *Tennessean* on August 16, 1996

business. After approximately ten years of international travel in his area of research and development, there was a chance conversation at a family get-together. MBA's David Norton, Dr. Carro's brother-in-law, mentioned that there was a teaching position open at MBA, and in 2004 Gabe Carro, research and development specialist, became Dr. Gabriel Carro, esteemed physics teacher at MBA.

When asked about Venezuela, Gabe Carro responded: "An oil-rich country on the northern tip of South America. Great weather. Too much money. No responsible administrators. Economy unstable. Crime—hard not to be victimized."

His parents came from Spain in the 1950s. In Venezuela there was a promise of economic prosperity. His father was involved in sales; his mother was a speech therapist. Today his older sister lives in Spain, his younger brother is a banker in Caracas, and his mother still works as a speech therapist.

Dr. Carro has spoken much about the opportunities and the pressures in the U.S. Perhaps one can better understand his feelings from his article written for the *Tennessean* on the day he became a citizen of the United States.

Gabriel Carro: Gentleman, Scientist, U.S. Citizen.



COURTESY OF OFFICE

LEAP OF FAITH: A young Dr. Carro demonstrates the conservation of mechanical energy. The physics teacher lived in his native Venezuela for 18 years.



GLUCK

ORTHODONTICS

A Legendary and One-of-a-Kind Experience



"I love Dr. Gluck!"

-Spanky the Ewok, *The Bell Ringer's* mascot

Daniel Gluck 2003
Jonathan Gluck 2004

2002 Richard Jones Road Ste. A-200
615-269-5903

www.drgluck.com

HOMEWRECKER

WITH ALWAYS FREE CHIPS AND SALSA!



moes.com

4326 Harding Pike
Nashville, TN 37205
615-383-7871

moe than
just a
crush

401-A Cool Springs Blvd.
Franklin, TN 37067
615-778-MOES (6637)

452-A N. Thompson Ln.
Murfreesboro, TN 37129
615-904-MOES (6637)

101 Creekside Crossing
Brentwood, TN 37027
615-577-MOES (6637)

1001 Crossings Blvd.
Spring Hill, TN 37174
931-486-2021

free jr burrito

with purchase of an entrée
and 2 regular drinks

*One coupon per person, per visit. Not valid with any other offer. Valid only at Franklin, Nashville, Spring Hill, Murfreesboro & Brentwood, TN locations.



moes.com

15% off

any catering order
of \$100 or more

*One coupon per group, per visit. Not valid with any other offer. Valid only at Franklin, Nashville, Spring Hill, Murfreesboro & Brentwood, TN locations.



moes.com



WAX ON, WAX OFF: The rifle squad does not mess around when it comes to being awesome and wearing space-suits. The team would like everyone to know they encourage headband and visor wearage.

Rifles target success down the stretch

By Matt Miccioli
Staff Marksman

The nationally ranked Big Red Rifles are winding down their fall and early winter season with unerring success.

The Rifles have dominated all opponents in dual match competition with a record of 9-0, handily shooting down perennial powerhouse and former nation champion Siegel and local rival Hume Fogg.

On November 18, the Rifles competed in the Ole Mill Invitational in Griffin, Georgia, one of MBA's few chances to shoot Olympic-style small bore, especially important for upperclassmen like Connor Yakushi ('12), Winn van Cleave ('12), Adam Hawiger ('12), Joe Scherrer ('12), Tim Bulso ('12) and Hunter Guye ('13) who are aiming for Junior Olympic Qualifications in early December. The Junior Olympics is an extremely important competition for prospective collegiate shooters like Hunter and Tim.

However, the most impressive of the Rifles'

accomplishments may have not come in dual match competition or away tournaments, but in the annually hosted MBA Rifle Classic. The MBA Rifle Classic is the largest high school rifle tournament in the country, held over Fall Break and attracting over 300 competitors from schools, clubs and JROTCs from across the country.

Needless to say, the Big Red entered the competition with their work cut out for them but came out unscathed, winning the competition for the first time in history. As well as placing one squad, led by a 580 from Winn van Cleave, at number one, MBA also placed another squad at third place overall.

Individually, Hunter Guye and Winn van Cleave both finished in the top eight shooters, at fifth and eighth respectively.

The Rifles have only several postal matches and the Junior Olympic Qualifiers before the team biathlon and the subsequent pause for exams and Winter Break. After break, the team will resume dual match competition and preparation for the state championship.

Where are they now?

Catching up with former Big Red stars



Curtis Lovelace

An 11-time high school All-American swimmer, and the 2008 Tennessee Swimmer of the Year, Curtis Lovelace has done little to disappoint anyone after graduating from MBA in 2008.

The four-time high school state champion has since taken his talents to Stanford University, where he is now a senior. While at Stanford, he has earned nine All-American recognitions and has contributed to one of the top swimming programs in the country. Ranking third in the Stanford record books in the 100 Breaststroke and fifth in the 200 Breaststroke, Curtis looks to continue his success as his senior season continues.

Curtis was selected to be a member of the U.S. National Team and over the summer competed in China.

Additionally, he competed at the U.S. Nationals, where he placed sixth in the 100 Breast.

As the swimming season progresses, Curtis will certainly contribute to the fourth ranked Stanford Cardinal.

College-Bound

So far, four seniors have made athletic commitments to universities



BLAKE BARS

Football, Offensive Tackle
University of Michigan



DAVID HOWARD

Basketball, Power Forward
University of Evansville



MACLIN DAVIS

Swimming
University of Southern California



MATTISON HAMILTON

Lacrosse, Midfielder
Dickinson College

Winter Varsity Sports Previews

Wrestling | Tough division a challenge for talented group

By Jody Gorham
Staff Writer

The Big Red begins its long anticipated wrestling season in early December at the Black Horse Invitational in Houston, Texas.

The senior-packed team looks to make a run at the state title this year and credits this opportunity to their leadership and experience. Coach Frank Simpson emphasizes that the experience and leadership of these seniors will be what carries this team deep into the season.

Co-captain Daniel Bellet ('12) commented on the camaraderie of the team, saying it is the most unified team he has seen in his five years wrestling for MBA. Daniel, along with the two other senior co-captains John Mark Bellet ('12) and Matthew Davidson ('12), also wants to stress the importance of "team" in such an individual sport as wrestling.

The road to the state championship is not easy, as Coach Simpson described the team's schedule as "very challenging." Father Ryan, Christian Brothers and Baylor stand in the way of the Big Red this year and could poten-



COURTESY OF JAMIE TILLMAN
ALL I DO IS WIN: Cayce Ortale ('12) is declared winner in a match and in life. Cayce has been voted by his classmates "most likely to be a squirrel when he grows up." Too true.

tially cause some problems on the mat.

Father Ryan has close to 10 returning starters along with the addition of Michael Hooker, last year's state champion from McCallie. Baylor is as strong as usual and is led by University of Virginia signee and returning state champion Zach Watson. Christian Brothers, led by sophomore Tate Robinson and junior Kaleb Baker, who are both returning state champions, may also have a good year.

MBA has strong middle-weights in Daniel and John Mark Bellet, both of whom are preseason top three in their weight class. Matthew Davidson ('12) and Cayce Ortale ('12) are projected to finish near the top of their weights as well. This year looks to be promising for the Big Red as they are projected, as a team, to be a viable contender in the state tournament.

MBA begins the season at the Black Horse Invitational, and then

moves to the Middle Tennessee Grand Championships and the MBA Duals in December alone.

They start off the new year on January 3 against Baylor and McCallie before competing in the Father Ryan Invitational. MBA is also wrestling in the Southeastern Prep Slam in Atlanta, Georgia, one of the most prestigious high school wrestling tournaments in the nation.

The Big Red will host the Father Ryan match this year, which could be an extremely close match and definitely one to watch. These matches all lead to the individual and team TSSAA State Tournament in which MBA hopes to have a strong showing.

The potential for success is there, and the team is ready for whatever is thrown its way. The captains and seniors of the team believe that their main weapon this year is not only their leadership and experience, but also their work ethic. They have a positive attitude going into the season and believe that they will hold each other accountable for actions on and off the mat. Captain Daniel Bellet believes that the work ethic and the heart are there. If all those elements come together, the team believes that they will be tough to beat.

Swimming | Big Red looks to improve finish at State

By Andrew Karpos
Staff Writer

The MBA varsity swim team has officially started its season. Last year the team finished second in the state, and this year's group is optimistic about their chances in the upcoming season.

For those of you not familiar with the team, it is basically made up of two groups of swimmers. There are those who swim all year for clubs such as NAC, and those who only swim during the MBA season and may play other sports.

One of the main goals of the coaching staff is to bring these two groups of swimmers together to achieve the goals of the MBA team. Coach Michael Dobbs remarked that some of the team's goals include "keeping an undefeated dual meet record within our division, continuing our undefeated regional championship record and trying to compete for the state title each year." However, Coach Dobbs believes that the team's main goal is "creating an environment that allows each individual to recognize his importance to our team and how his desire to improve positively impacts every other member on their team."

The team, which competes in the toughest division in the Middle TN High School Swim Association, has not lost a dual meet in its division in four



DEDICATION, DETERMINATION, DOMINANCE, CALVIN KLEIN: Nathan Stinson ('12) shows off his chiseled body on the blocks at last year's state swim meet. This year the meet will be held in Nashville, and the Big Red has high hopes.

years. Ravenwood will be the biggest competition within our division this year, but the coaches are confident that we can "find ourselves undefeated going into the state championships."

One of MBA's major rivals in the past few years has been Baylor, whom the swimmers hope to get revenge on for a loss at last year's state championships. Ensworth could also become a rival in the future, after building a new swimming complex.

This year's group will definitely



ANDREW DUPUIS/BELL RINGER
IN THE LANE: Maclin Davis lurks, waiting for the race to start. If the Big Red hopes to capture a state title this year, nationally-ranked Maclin will be critical as both a performer and a senior leader.

be led by a number of upperclassmen. The team has a strong trio of seniors in Maclin Davis, Nathan Stinson and Adam Cornett. These three captains all possess "great leadership and ability in their own right."

Maclin Davis, who will be swimming at the University of Southern California next year and is "one of the fastest swimmers in the country," will anchor the team in multiple butterfly events. The team will also get contributions from many other swimmers throughout the high school, and it looks as if the future

of the sport depends on the development of our athletes and the number of talented swimmers who decide to come to MBA in future years.

Overall, coaches Michael Dobbs and Tim Boyd are confident that the squad will have a great season. They believe that each member will work hard and give it their all for the good of the team. With great depth, immense talent and solid camaraderie, it looks as if the swim team has the potential to add another state title this year.

These three teams will look to senior leaders for inspiration as they chase state titles in the upcoming season.



COURTESY OF MR. TILLMAN

CRUNCH TIME: Austin Blackwell was an important part of last year's team. Now he, along with fellow seniors David Howard, Aaron Simonis and Jhamall Wright, need to step up as seniors.

Basketball | Consistency, confidence key for 2011-2012

By George Swenson
Sports Editor

After a hard-fought loss in last year's state semifinals, the MBA basketball team looks to build upon its 19-win season.

To achieve such success, the team will turn toward the senior trio of David Howard ('12), Aaron Simonis ('12) and Austin Blackwell ('12). Each starting for the Big Red for the third year, these seniors will provide needed leadership and skill as the team looks to capture its second state title in three years.

While experience is the team's biggest strength, it is also the team's weakness. Behind the senior-led trio, the

team has little varsity experience. As Coach Anglin puts it, "We have many players with fantastic ability, just not experience."

To overcome such an obstacle, senior Jhamall Wright ('12) and the junior big-man tandem of Tom Kaiser ('13) and Andrew Einstman ('13) will be viewed as major contributors. Additionally, Coach Anglin discusses the need to establish its identity and to execute what the team has practiced during the off-season.

This off-season Coach Anglin is stressing consistency, physicality and protection of the ball. Last year the team had the skill level but, because of inconsistency, was not able to live up to its goals.

This year Coach Anglin is highly encouraged by the development of David

and Austin. "David has not only improved his game but has improved his confidence in his game. He sets the tone for our team." This improvement has showed, and David has committed to play at the University of Evansville next year.

Austin is viewed as a utility man for his ability to play several positions. With his ability to shoot from the perimeter to his ability to drive inside the lane, "Austin is the jack-of-all-trades for our team." Coach Anglin, however, wants Austin to gain confidence in his game. "He has the ability to carry the team, he just needs to show it."

The season looks bright for the Big Red. With David down low, Austin on the perimeter, and Aaron running the offense, scoring should not be a problem

for the Big Red. The division, however, looks very strong as always. Ensworth seeks to repeat as state champions while Brentwood Academy seems to have a much stronger team than last year's.

The strongest team, however, is Briarcrest. Although not on MBA's schedule, Briarcrest has the ability to take the state tournament. As for out-of-state games, the Christ School from North Carolina visits MBA on December 9. With numerous college prospects, Christ School will definitely give MBA a tough time.

The Big Red begins its season on November 29 against FRA, and the team hopes to begin with a solid victory.

in the paint with David Howard ('12)

The Bell Ringer spoke to senior David Howard about the upcoming MBA basketball season and his recent signing with the University of Evansville, an NCAA Division I school in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Bell Ringer: What have you done this off-season to improve your game?

David Howard: I really took the ups, downs, and disappointments of the past two seasons to heart. So, starting this past spring, I hired a personal trainer to help improve my skill set, strength and conditioning. I worked with him two to three times a week throughout the spring, summer and fall. Plus, I've been lifting and conditioning with my teammates since the spring. On top of that, I run in my neighborhood or just go and get some extra shots in at the YMCA.

BR: How will your experience (three-year starter) help you this year?

DH: I think my experience is going to help the team most in the area of leadership. Winning the state championship my sophomore year was an experience that showed me what it takes on a daily basis to reach our goal. Also, coupling that with the successes and failures of my junior year, I think will help me to lead by example this year.

BR: What is your personal goal this year?

DH: My personal goal this year is to do whatever it takes to help the team win a state championship.

BR: What does the team have to do this year to win a state championship?

DH: I think we have all the pieces to win a state title. We just have to continue building our chemistry, toughness and killer instinct day in and day out during our practices and games. Ultimately I'm just putting my faith in God and trusting that my teammates and I are going to come out on top.

BR: What reasons made you commit to Evansville?

DH: It came down to Evansville and Furman, but I just felt like Evansville had the better basketball atmosphere in terms of fan support and culture. The competition that Evansville faces is tougher, and Furman's arena is not comparable to Evansville's Ford Center, which seats up to 10,000 people.



Cross Country starts strong, but comes up short at State

By Anthony Swenson
Staff Writer

After a series of sweltering practices beginning on August 1, the MBA cross-country team readied itself for the 2011 season. The team travelled to Sewanee for the annual Cross-Country Camp where the freshmen received nicknames, the “Gallon Challenge” was attempted and MEGA-bed was created.

A few weeks later the varsity team journeyed to the Trinity Invitational on September 17 where they finished seventh out of thirty-eight teams. Top runner Daniel “DP” Peters (‘12) finished in 15th place, with Eric “Rick” Anderson (‘14) behind him in 24th.

On the same day, the rest of the team raced in the Tennessee Classic, the largest cross-country meet in the state. The top JV runners filled in for those running at Trinity, and MBA finished 11th out of 29 teams.

The next meet was in Bowling Green, Kentucky, at the Gatorland Run on September 24 where the team would face bitter rival Brentwood Academy. It was “a good day to run,” in the words of Coach Russ. Daniel Peters won the race, closely followed by teammate Alex Smith (‘13) in fourth place. The Varsity managed to run past BA and 21 other schools. The JV also finished first with Madison “Pig” Rieke (‘13) finishing in sixth place.

Two weeks later, the team drove to Hoover, Alabama, to compete in the Southeast XC Showdown. Daniel Peters was once again MBA’s number one runner, finishing second overall. The team finished second as well, losing by only four points. Will Pearson (‘15) in sixth and William Snow (‘15) in eighth led the JV team to a second-place finish.



COURTESY OF BIG RED PHOTOS

LEADING THE PACK: Daniel Peters (‘12) and Eric Anderson (‘14) set the pace at the TSSAA State Meet. The Big Red could not secure a historic three-peat, but it did have many other successes along the way.

The next meet was the Metro Championship at the Steeplechase. The varsity won with ease, with Daniel Peters in first, Eric Anderson in second, and Madison Rieke, David Arteaga (‘12) and Myles Anderson (‘12) in fifth, sixth, and seventh, respectively. The JV team also won their Metro Championship scoring 16 points, one short of perfection, with

Anthony Swenson (‘15) in first place. A week later the JV team defeated BA in the JV’s last meet of the year.

However, eyes were on the looming State Meet. On November 5, the team competed in the TSSAA State Meet with support from about two hundred rabid Big Red fans. With much excitement, the team felt ready for its major competition,

BA and McCallie. Disappointingly, the team had a bad day and finished third overall. However, state champion Daniel Peters recorded the fastest time of the day for all divisions, and Eric Anderson finished third. Freshman Gregory Quesinberry finished 19th.

a conversation with

Daniel Peters (‘12)

Daniel Peters was MBA’s top cross country runner in 2011 and a senior leader on the team. *The Bell Ringer* spoke to him about his running career and the future of the Big Red.

Bell Ringer: How do you think the team did this season?

Daniel Peters: I think we had a great season with some solid victories at the Gatorland Meet and the Metro Championships. State was disappointing.

BR: How do you think the team will do next season?

DP: I think they have a real shot at winning state. Every year, teams have sophomores that run really fast times unexpectedly. I call it the “Sophomore Surge”. I think we a lot of good potential freshmen runners ready to have their “sophomore surges.” Alex, Pig, and Rick will have to lead the team and get them focused.

BR: What do you think of the new cross country statue project?

DP: I think it’s great. We finally have an area on campus dedicated to cross country. Every other sport has something, and when the statue is finished, we will, too.

BR: What are your favorite moments from MBA XC?

DP: My favorite moment was when I saw Andrew Powell and Stephen Bedard finish last year in 4th and 5th at the state meet, so we had the top 5 spots. Other great moments include the following: making MEGA-bed at XC camp; going to Papa Ron’s at XC camp; and the gallon challenge.

BR: After recording the fastest time at the TSSAA state meet in all divisions, what are your hopes for advancing past Regionals and reaching Nationals?

DP: Well, I hope to go to Nationals if I can qualify, but I have to place in the top 5 at the Nike Southeast Regionals, so qualifying won’t be easy.





COURTESY OF RICH MALKIN

STAGE DIPLOMACY: *Grand Fenwick's high constable Tully Buscomb (played by Alex Floyd ('13)) meets with a befuddled American Secretary of State (John Elam ('12)) as parties from both sides look on. The performance was well received by the audience.*

Grand Fenwick accepts immigrant students into walls

By Jamie Joyce
Entertainment Editor

Throughout the weekend before Thanksgiving, the MBA Players presented their production of "The Mouse That Roared," a Cold War-era satire about the tiny duchy of Grand Fenwick.

When their livelihoods are threatened by an imitation wine seller called "Pinot Grand *Enwick*," the Fenwickians feel compelled to declare war on the United States, knowing how generous the U.S. is with opponents it defeats.

Their miniature army, outfitted in medieval armor and bows and arrows, invades the New York harbor and mistakenly

pulls off the impossible—the win.

The production featured numerous fantastic performances by MBA, Harpeth Hall, and St. Cecilia students alike. In the lead role of Tully Bascomb, high constable of expeditionary forces, MBA junior Alex Floyd ('13) was earnest and likeable — especially in his lederhosen.

Another scene-stealer was MBA senior Rob Edwards ('12) as the pompous Count Mountjoy, leader of the Fenwickian anti-dilutionist party, who holds little trust in the leadership of his niece and sovereign, Gloriana, played aptly by regal Harpeth Hall senior Emily Smith.

On the American side, audience members weren't hard-pressed to find talent

in the performances of MBA seniors Aaron Ardisson ('12) as the bumbling president and John Elam ('12) as the confused Secretary of State.

It should also be noted that junior Mattison Asher ('13) gave a boisterous performance as General Snippet, an enthusiastic and extremely loud Army Corps general, aided by his WAC daughters, played by Harpeth Hall junior Ellen Matthews and Harpeth Hall sophomore Lark Morrison. Moreover, Harpeth Hall junior Lizzie Boston was hilarious as a psychotic protest leader.

Under the direction of Dr. Cal Fuller, the show was definitely a success. The set design was visually appealing and

interesting, featuring an intricate laboratory and a fun, "Dr. Strangelove"-throwback "war room."

Mrs. June Kingsbury did a fantastic job with costume design, giving the Fenwickians an aura of authenticity and the protestors a very believable 1960's hippie vibe.

Let's give a special shout-out to JT Braun ('13) and Vaughn Hunt ('12) for their excellent work on lights and sound.

Overall, this hilarious and interesting performance was a pleasure to watch. Watch out for the MBA Players' spring production of "Twelfth Night," directed by Mr. Malcolm Morrison.

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"



COURTESY OF RICH MALKIN

FINAL FLOURISH: *The cast of the competition one-act lines up on stage toward the end of their performance. The production placed second in the state, moving on to the next round of competition at the Southeastern Theater Conference in March.*

Young Buffalo, Youth Lagoon are not musical buffaloners

By Noah Fardon
Staff Music Critic

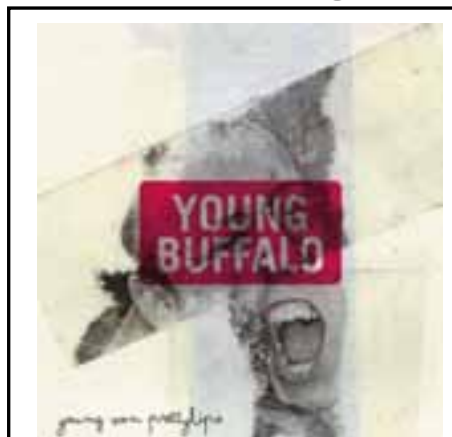
"YOUNG VON PRETTYLIPS," Young Buffalo

It may be a bit foolish to review a band's debut EP too seriously, especially when it is titled "Young Von Prettylips." Nonetheless, Young Buffalo's newly released set of tunes deserves some attention.

For Young Buffalo from Oxford, Mississippi, 2011 was a great year. Before their name could be seen in major music publications such as NME or Mojo, they were opening for the likes of Smith Westerns and Arctic Monkeys, both of whom have had phenomenally successful releases this past year. It is, therefore, with one eyebrow quizzically raised that I admit their first set of recordings is surprisingly unconvincing.

"Catapilah," and "Full Metal Whacket," both of which exhibit remarkable pop-sensibility, stand prsoudly among the best tracks of this year. As parts of the EP's greater whole, however, they sink. Excluding the ominous intro to "Only We Can Keep You from Harm," and the more ethereal tones of "Bury Me," the EP feels like a singularly-focused collection of parallels in sound. From the rapid percussion to the stretching vocals to the three-part harmonies the band incorporates a lot of interesting and exciting ideas but without much effort to leave their comfort zone.

This point is where judging an



Album: "Young Von Prettylips"

Artist: Young Buffalo

Best Tracks: "Catapilah," "Full Metal Whacket"

Worst Tracks: —

Verdict: 3/5



EP becomes difficult. With a full album this band, which is undeniably extremely talented, would have the opportunity to experiment further with sounds and ideas both found and nonexistent on this brief set of tracks. Therefore, though this EP is ultimately forgettable, it is exciting in that it certainly displays promise for what the band could do with a full LP. Fingers crossed.



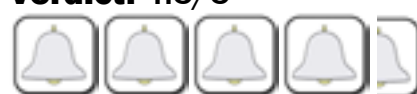
Album: "The Year of Hibernation"

Artist: Youth Lagoon

Best Tracks: "17," "Montana," "Afternoon," "July"

Worst Tracks: —

Verdict: 4.5/5



"THE YEAR OF HIBERNATION," Youth Lagoon

Youth Lagoon's "The Year of Hibernation" is a sonic hug. Built upon grounded layers of warbly synths, shimmering guitars, watery vocals and crunchy beats, this debut album remarkably displays the essential role of music in accessibly conveying raw emotion.

More specifically, "TYOH" digs deep to express the nostalgia that plagues the project's sole writer, Trevor Powers. Through subtle yet crucial additions to the often frustratingly minimalist formula of most chillwave artists, Powers has raised the bar for his genre and produced one of the year's best records.

The driving force behind the album's ultimate success is the interaction between the music and Trevor's emotions as he recalls tales of lost childhood.

On "17," warm synths yield to twinkling guitars, rounded bass, and a crisp combination of claps and beats. As Powers hauntingly recalls, "when I was seventeen my mother said to me 'Don't stop imagining/The day that you do is the day that you die.'"

I do not mean to say this album is flawless. The majority of the songs are instrumentally elementary, which may not be a detriment to any individual song in particular but can inspire a feeling of musical stagnation well before the final track.

It speaks wonders of Powers, however, to note that such a beautiful album could be created without significantly branching out from a basic formula. There is great potential for Youth Lagoon in the future, or, in their case, the past.

THE LOCAL TACO SUPPORTS MBA
stop by before or after football games
GO BIG RED!



Fresh. Casual. Local.

CATERING

SPECIAL EVENTS

THELOCALTACO.COM

4501 murphy road, nashville + 146 pewitt drive, brentwood

615.891.3271 | 615.915.4666



Tejas explores the depths of your television set

By Tejas Reddy

Staff Couch Potato

"How I Met Your Mother"- This month on HIMYM: Barney professes his love for Robin. Kal Penn makes appearances as Robin's therapist/boyfriend. Barney escapes the ducky tie. Marshall and Ted get their hands on a bag of mari... wait for it...nated sandwiches. As the series progresses, new plot twists form around Barney's love life, taking a toll on the comic aspect of the show. The laugh track once again really takes away from the quality of the show. 4/5

"Dexter"- This month on Dexter: Dexter follows Travis in the hope of finding Professor Geller. He learns of Brother Sam shooting. The ghost of the Trinity killer comes back to haunt Dexter and Miami P.D. Capt. Laguerta continues to harass Deb as Lieutenant. Brother Sam (Mos Def) continues to play a significant role in Dexter's life and in the series. His character proves to be one of the most interesting season regulars on the series. Dexter's new found "religion" proves to be a nice touch. The character development of the villains of season six, however, is mediocre at best compared to those of previous seasons (i.e. Trinity) 4.2/5

"The Walking Dead"-This month on The Walking Dead: Rick and the crew try to keep things kosher on the farm with Hershel. Lori struggles with the idea of raising a child in a zombie-filled world. Sophia has yet to be found. With Shane's downward spiral as a human being, and Daryl and Glenn's recent clutch performances, several more twists are expected from the midseason finale and beyond. 4.7/5

"Community"- This month on Community: The Dean of the School of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning further presses Troy to join their fraternity. Annie moves in with Troy and Abed. Pierce's father comes back reclaim his title of Hawthorne Wipes™. Community is one of the only NBC series worth watching anymore (along with Parks and Rec.), as others such as The Office, 30 Rock and Saturday Night Live on the decline. With the series being moved into a hiatus for the time being, television blogs and Facebook fan-made groups express hostility towards the network. This season being the best so far, Community stands out from the rest of NBC's lineup of Thursday Night Done Right with the perfect amount of dark humor. 4.5/5

Coach Shone's playlist takes us back to better times

By Paul Brazil
Staff Writer

Aside from teaching numerous math classes at various levels throughout the day, Coach Stephen Shone has made the HVAC wrestling team into a ferocious animal that ruthlessly tears apart any opponent it encounters, leaving them dead and bloodied along the road.

Although we know Coach Shone to be a jocular and friendly man, who instantly forms close relationships with his students, the question remains: what drives the indefatigable, coal-firing engine that is Stephen Shone?

The answer: Rocky I – VI and the sweet sounds of the 70s and 80s. Here are some of Coach Shone's picks:

1. "Tom Sawyer" - Rush, album "Moving Pictures," 1981
2. "Closer to the Heart" - Rush, "Fly By Night," 1975
3. "Beat It" - Michael Jackson, "Thriller," 1984
4. "Stairway to Heaven" - Led Zeppelin, "Led Zeppelin IV," 1971
5. "Point of Know Return" - Kansas, "Point of Know Return," 1977
6. "Peace of Mind" - Boston, "Boston," 1976
7. "Jane" - Jefferson Starship, "Freedom at Point Zero," 1979
8. "Good Times Roll" - Cars, "The Cars," 1978
9. "Subdivisions" - Rush, "Moving Pictures," 1981
10. "Cars" - Gary Neuman, The Pleasure Principle, 1979

Surprise ANYTIME Shuttles Weddings PROMS parties Celebrations Birthdays CORPORATE CONCERTS Celebrations NIGHT ON THE TOWN school rewards

FADD'S PARTY BUSES

www.nashvillepartybus.com 615-754-2221

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

15% COUPON OFF

DON'T WAIT, hurry up and book your party now to start your school year off right!

Fox's Donut Den

3900 Hillsboro Rd
385-1021

Delicious Donuts, Muffins, Bagels Fritters, Eclairs, Yogurt, Icees, and many other tasty treats

<p>VAL-PAK COUPON</p> <p>FREE DOZEN DONUTS</p> <p>Buy Any Dozen Donuts And Get Second Dozen FREE</p> <p>With Coupon</p>	<p>VAL-PAK COUPON</p> <p>FREE COFFEE</p> <p>With Any Purchase</p> <p>With Coupon</p>	<p>VAL-PAK COUPON</p> <p>FREE DONUT</p> <p>Just For Stopping By</p> <p>With Coupon</p>
--	---	---

Freshmen eat turkey, sometimes date chicks in spare time

By Owen Powell
Staff News Writer

Thanksgiving has passed, but as the great day approached, the one and only event being tracked more than the NBA labor negotiation was MC's return. **Joe McKinney** had been counting down to this extreme moment for about three weeks. On the other hand **John Hazen** said about his Thanksgiving, "My dad's mom and sister and her family came over to my house and we ate dinner and lunch" with great enthusiasm.

Chatham "The Gentle Giant"

Dobbs planned to be swimming throughout Thanksgiving. Chatham, along with **Trice McCullar** had grand plans for playing hours of Skyrim.

Will "no longer has a funny nickname" **Pearson** chose to curl his hair in anticipation for that annual family Thanksgiving picture. **Derrick Tusie** wanted me to say he had a 2 ½ foot snake up for sale. **James Owen** visited his great grandmother for the break.

Monthly shout-out to **William Richardson** for STILL dating that girl! **Parks Ball** is like...umm who knows. On a similar note **W8less** was to record in a

studio over the Thanksgiving break, so **MAYBE** lookout for an album.

On freshman sports news: **Stephen Ray** has established himself as a pretty good hockey player, as well as **Turner Smith**. **Jack Goodrum** has recently informed me that the freshman football team had a perfect season, whatever that means. So congrats to all those affiliated with that team.

Andrew Porter reported that he made a game-winning tackle against Siegel, so a loud shout-out to him for putting the team on his back this entire season. Speaking of football **Harrison**

Lien... 'nuff said.

Greg Q-daddy (I say Q-daddy because I don't want to embarrass myself misspelling your name) finished third for the varsity in state so a shout-out to him. **Anthony Swenson** won the JV city cross-country meet, and **Will Pearson** and **Richard Thornton** also did well this season.

Finally everyone should follow **George Hunt** on Twitter. George also entered himself into the hottest teenager contest, so go vote for him.

Sophomores brave cold weather without jackets, man up

By Wells Hamilton
and Harrison Davies
Staff News Writers

Though the cold and rainy weather has started, the sophomore class has inexplicably maintained its high morale. But it's not all smiles for the tenth-graders who have to say goodbye to the fall season. **Jack 'iallready' Grant** is crushed by the end of football season. The emotional trauma has caused him to take a few days off from swimming to recover. Rowers, like **William Holbrook**, wish tearful goodbyes to the fall crew season.

For some, however, the off-season is full of promise as well as welcome transition into new sports. **Max Katseff**, under the trained instruction of Frisbee vet **Caleb Carpenter**, is learning the club sport of Ultimate. **Grey Reames**

is devoting his off-season to working out #hardcore so that he will be ready when his number is called. He is charting his progress by a series of self-shot, post work-out pictures #swag. **Nick Trogdon** plans on documenting his progress in a similar way with the use of his sleeveless MBA Rowing tank-top.

The winter is also welcomed by new sophomore fashion trends. Originally, it was believed that you had to have received a Harding elementary school education to wear cowboy boots as a sophomore, but several individuals are questioning this. Belle Meade cowboy **Will Singer** rocks in his own fresh pair of boots. **Johnathan Barringer** also flaunts the cowboy style. His boots add so much to his already staggering height that he has gotten sick from the altitude. For any other sophomores looking to acquire

boots, just ask **Wilson Hays**.

Flannel shirts, a more practical fashion trend, are also making a come back. Major flannel wearers such as **Blake Patton** and **Nick Boney** felt their style is being threatened by the increase of flannelers. **Nick Boney** asked me to inform everyone that he wore flannels before it was cool to wear flannels, and that although glazed donuts are the most mainstream donut, they are quite delicious. A final, little known fashion trend is the eye-catching red pants worn by such individuals as **Russell Carpenter** and **Wilson Vaughn**. This style was made popular among the sophomores by wild boy **Ben Yahnian**. If you ever feel that not enough people are looking at you, red pants are definitely the way to go.

The overcast weather is also being brightened by the musical talents of several

sophomores. An impromptu a capella group made up of **Sam Harwell**, **Ben Shankle**, **Russell Carpenter** and **William Holbrook** has been heard delivering its own renditions of popular holiday music. These boys cite the golden pipes of **Chris Burrus** and the fresh spontaneous style of **DJ Clark** as their musical influences. **Ben Shankle** is rumored to have started a solo musical career playing piano in the park.

College sports also bring cheer to the sophomores, except of course for **Bill Johnson**, who remains upset over all things Vanderbilt football. As a sign of dedication to Alabama, **Sam Gregory** has not taken off his Alabama sweatshirt in two months. **Sam Weien** also uses sweatshirts to demonstrate his intense love for Duke.

That's it for this issue of *The Bell Ringer*, the only news source that **Fred Harwell** can trust.



WELCOME BACK!



SEATTLE'S BEST COFFEE Hill Center at Belle Meade would like to welcome you back for another great school year!

FREE BEVERAGE

Faculty and Students: come by and enjoy a **FREE BEVERAGE** with purchase of a beverage of equal or greater value.

(Flavors and modifications are extra. Coupon may be redeemed only at time of purchase. Offer cannot be combined with any other offer. Coupon only redeemable at Hill Center Belle Meade location. Expires 9/30/2011)



Seattle's Best Coffee | Hill Center Belle Meade | 4322 Harding Pike Nashville TN 37205 | (615) 891-3671

Located next door to Publix and Sweet CeCe's

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday 6AM-7PM
Saturday - Sunday 7AM-7PM

FOLLOW US!

 facebook.com/SBCNashville
  twitter.com/SBCNashville



Free
WIFI



SignsFirst

Banners



Post & Pannel



Vehicle Wraps



Contact us today for all your sign and graphics needs!

615.297.5681
710 Berry Road
www.signsfirst1.com

Juniors school'd out, don't know what month it is

By McLean Hudson
News Editor

So I'm not even sure if this is coming out before Thanksgiving, so either I hope you had a good break or hopefully you're about to. I'm writing this on a bus bouncing its way to our swim meet at St. X in Louisville filled with a group of rowdy young men, so I'm gonna skip any witticisms and get to it.

With CoD, Assassin's Creed and Skyrim all coming out in the last few weeks, several of our classmates have missed some school, even though **Dallas Gibson** swears he didn't play any the whole day he was sick. Instead of playing CoD when it first came out, **Ryan Potter** simply went home and built a shrine to it. Showing some serious dedication, **Colin Caldwell** decided not to miss school and pulled an all-nighter with Assassin's Creed instead.

Furman Haynes (now to be known as the uncool twin), **Jake Simons** and **J. Carlton Smith** hit the links where **Furm** won the ninth hole with uncharacteristically not-terrible short game. **Sam Turner** has started an underground plantation of coriander seeds. **Jack Benton** has a flow so sick, mainly due to the fact that he be so slick. And he caught all three fish at the Long Mountain property. With a fly rod.

J. Carlton Smith is now the big man on campus, and **Sam Waitt**, who has decided to not get any more demerits, is reflecting on **Jackson Flora**,



RESPECT COMES WITH A NAME, COD: Alex Smith, Clint Smith (brothers from mothers with no familial connection) and Ryan Potter (no relation to Harry) stay up to get COD on opening night. Bro time always gets priority.

Mark Lowe and **LBJ. Connor Griffin** got a haircut, and **Lucas Littlejohn** saw Jesus at the Skrillex concert: "We fist bumped." On a very serious note, though, **Robert Papel** is gonna get revenge for the signs in his yard and that mysterious white stuff on the hood of his car.

Christian Sargent and the rest of his Lundgren class seemed to agree that socialism was the only way forward, but no one really seemed to have a problem with that. **Jack Emerson** likes **John Powell's** back scratches, **JT Donald** says, "Schliiick," and **Ryan Potter** loves Mr. Kelly but hates Ireland with a fiery passion. And in other news, **Trip Adams** will take you to the candy shop.

Quint Robinson wanted to extend his apologies to our football program, and wishes us better luck next year. **Penn Murfee** and **Sam Turner** have been keeping healthy with their flintstone multivitamin. **Patrick Moody** and the aforementioned **SlammyT** have been building model rockets with **Jake Simons'** older brother.

Apparently there was this big concert a while back, so I'll say a little about that. Molly's night wasn't quite as romantic as she hoped, **Mark Lowe** scored a wheelchair ride and R.I.P. to Lionel Messi. No one ever even saw him leave. Oh, and congrats to the six. 1995, sir.

Tate Ramsden wears sweet tanktops and just wants to go fast. **Jonathan**

Sikthberg is a Phi Delt and **Jake Macey** has a right to his privacy. **Aaron Jumonville** reports that Carly tastes of strawberries and jam. Church ball is starting soon, next week-ish I think, and so everyone's getting excited for that, but no one more than me, of course, because I'm a try-hard and all...

I thought I'd finally respond to fsdgfdvg@aol.com, since you never seem to respond when I ask why you keep telling me to say such hurtful things. I can guarantee I'm not gonna say anything until you actually give me a reason. She is a fantastic young lady and I refuse to malign her like that. To everyone else, sorry if this paragraph doesn't make any sense, but it had to be done.

Moving along, **Alan Liang** did a sweet bicycle kick and just dominates in soccer all the way around. **Davidson White** requests that his former nickname, Glenn, be restored. **Jake Simons** has been fighting a battle with "Satin" for his soul, though he appears to be winning. **Landon Bullock** was super excited that he only blew a few field goals this season. Unfortunately, he was overshadowed on special teams by **Clint Smith** who, under the guidance of Coach Davis, managed to win player of the game a while back.

I suppose that just about wraps up another class news. Hopefully I didn't forget anybody or make too many mistakes, because I just don't think I can make myself read through this thing. I'll see you on the church ball court...Roll Red.

Seniors say 'get off me child's play', standards of dating

By Scott Dalton
Executive Editor

As the first semester comes to a close, the faculty can wave goodbye to the days of the hard-working class of 2012. No longer are we subject to out-of-class themes, examinations, or really even exerting any effort in the slightest. Gosh, I'm sorry, I misspoke. We will be exerting effort to walk to our cars to go off campus for lunch. Exception: Senior Scooter Day (a.k.a. every day). Throughout this article we will try to discover who in fact **Logan Standard** is dating. On that note, let's see how our beloved seniors have been doing this past month.

Daniel Peters, **David Arteaga**, **Bellets**, and **Noah Fardon** have decided to form a coalition for the awareness of major bro time. It will meet every day 7th period to discuss the discrimination of the bro in the community at large. Beanbag chairs, flamin' hot Cheetos, and Super Smash Bros will be provided. On that note, **Wills Brooks** killed a guy with a trident so he is considering laying low for a while or finding a relative close by. **John Mitchell** has agreed to let **Wills** sleep with his goats, but not on Mondays (they don't exist).

In other news, we would like to openly condemn **Paul Brazil** for taking a season off this spring. The class of 2012 has decided that he is wasting his time and ours by not going to the climbing gym every day to continue to train for a competition that will never happen. Let the record show that **Jamie Bradshaw** would make a beautiful



THE MANY LADIES OF LOGAN STANDARD: We are all not really sure who **Logan Standard** is currently dating. Most contend that it may be six ladies at once with Sunday open to rest of the sabbath.

woman.

In an attempt to R-A-G-E, **Carter Hach** has suffered minor injuries to his pride after actually having to come to school in clothes that aren't white overalls. He is expected to wear his "raging" clothes every day at college.

Dear **Maclin Davis**, you are better than all of us and we know it, but you are too humble to accept it. Accept it. We are not worthy to breathe the same oxygen as you. 'Nuff said.

Recently **Rob Edwards** was caught swooning **Lilly Carver** from his balcony across the street from her house. The police were immediately called for **Rob's** attempt to "disturb the peace." If singing "My Humps" to your girlfriend is wrong, I don't think any of us want to be right.

Preston Evans recently attempted to "Pull a Jamie [Joyce]" by neglecting to

do his homework. **Preston** pestered **Jamie** for the remaining 8 hours of the day. **Jamie** hit him...in the face.

Bryan Oslin was recently caught asking his teachers if he could leave class early. **Bryan** explained that he enjoyed the classes and loved the learning but wanted to make sure he could get out early so he could get to class...so he could go to class...to learn...in class. He loves school.

James Kay, **Cayce Ortale**, and **Daniel Mace** have recently joined the Nashville Ballet and will be performing in the production of "The Nutcracker." Unfortunately, the bros were mistaken when they signed up as they thought "The Nutcracker" was the code word for "fight club." No fighting ensued in pink tights.

The Bell Ringer would like to congratulate **Jack Whitson** for being named to the All-State men's volleyball team along with no one from Tennessee. When asked

about his accomplishment **Jack** responded, "Seriously stop putting stuff about me playing volleyball in the paper. I don't even play." Whatever helps you sleep t night, kid..

In the most hambone move of the century, **Baker Swain** decided that he would like to do stand-up comedy for a living once he breaches the real world beyond MBA. According to Baker, his biggest influences to join the stand-up community are **Daniel Tosh** and **Jesus**.

Will Stewart recently acquired a black leather jacket that he has been donning religiously over the last few weeks. Well, **Will**, we're here to say that we're okay to see that jacket stay! (It's a joke about his rhyming induction to Totomoi. Gosh, you guys are so slow it's almost embarrassing for me).

Well, gentle-bros. If I could leave you with one piece of advice, it would be to never come to me for advice and to avoid being eaten while camping, always be faster than the slowest bro in your group. Thats in-tents.



IT'S CLAIRE!!!:

Scott Dalton wrecks your dreams of being a safe driver



By Scott Dalton
Executive Editor

If driving was a sport, it would be defined by bone-headed maneuvers, long hours behind the wheel, unathletic “athletes” operating the machine and unparalleled frustration for no apparent reason. Oh, wait.

Seriously, though, have you ever really paid attention to someone driving on the road? Or were you just too busy texting, and, then, as soon as you stopped having friends according to your ringtone, you began to honk your horn in frustration at those who actually choose to put everyone’s life on the line without having the decency to hide it?

Driving is undoubtedly something we take for granted because we do it every day, and it has become more of a necessity than a privilege. If you think differently, spoiler alert: you are an idiot, stop now and re-consider any and all future plans to do something successfully.

Recline that chair back, half way buckle your seat-belt so that that annoying beep stops and turn that heat on to 90 degrees because its 12 A.M. and no one cares if you are driving 5 or over 50 because we are about to take a quick look at the jack wagons that call themselves drivers.

Everyone is a little bit different when it comes to driving “style,” but one constant for everyone ages 3-83 (doesn’t apply to those wearing diapers) is that we all sing in the car. What is it that compels us to subject ourselves to such public humiliation? Think realistically: your car is primarily encircled in glass around your oxygen deprived face, people can hear your music at a volume above 20, and, on a sunny day, they can see if you chose to wear deodorant or not. Next time you think that your car is a recording studio with



YOU APPEAR TO BE THIS WAY TO SCOTT DALTON: *When you are driving on the roads you actually assume this form in the eyes of Scott Dalton. Beware! You could be next.*

soundproofing, think again because you can dang well bet that I’ll be there, window down with a package for that DVD to be sent to Daniel Tosh on speed dial.

For those of you who think it’s ever OK to honk your horn, this one is for you, jerks. Yes, I understand that you are perfect and are always in race-ready mode to step on the gas pedal no more than .00002 seconds after the light turns green, but lay off the horn because some of us just couldn’t quite get our numbers and colors down at age four as you did. Really? Are you going to honk that horn and give me a “Free Bird” without Lynyrd Skynyrd in the background? Because now I’m just going to drive really, really slowly down this long road with one lane, and there is nothing you can do about it. Oh, you want to pass me? Watch me speed up now and make you go 90 in a 35 trying to get around me. Sure, go ahead, you can get past me. Is that a cop 500 yards away? Are you now going to jail for reckless driving? Have a nice weekend!

See how this goes for you? Learn from me because I am *that* guy.

This one goes out to all the guys who wear flat bills and drive a car made in America. It is never OK to let everyone know that you have discovered Dubstep and that you have purple tinted windows. I have eyes; I can see you are a tool. I don’t need to confirm it with my ears.

For the old people (above 75):

What ever happened to Fats Domino car rides going to the county fair on Saturday nights?

For the young people (below 30): See “The Sandlot” for an accurate portrayal of what life used to be like.

For middle aged people (31-74): Thanks for the national debt. Jerks.

I think it would be a travesty to write this diatribe and not mention you freshman that think it is cool to ride with your parents and listen to your iPod in the front seat. Seriously, guys? Are we doing this right now? Do you really want to bring this on yourselves? Here’s something to think about: 1. Your parents own the car, pay for your education, and probably paid for that iPod. If you think you are better than them, try living without them for a week. I will personally bring you blankets and food stamps for when you sleep on

the Greenway. 2. You are really that un-intelligent and disrespectful to not be able to carry on a conversation with an adult? *Lame.* 3. You look ridiculous. 4. You are insensitive to the greatest generation of music ever. *Shame on your existence.* 5. If I see you doing that, you will lose my friendship. *Roasted.*

Just a tid-bit of advice from a senior member of MBA to you youngsters out there: always have road flares in your car. You never know when a Roman candle war will break out, and you didn’t get the memo. Plus, paper covers rock, and road flare sends people to the hospital...for the win.

Here’s something to think about before you decide to step into that wonderfully-filled-with-gas car you own: do as Ronald McDonald says and put a dang smile on. Next time you are out on the road, count the number of people frowning and then do what I do: make a sign that says “Stop frowning...I have ice cream” and hold it up to the window. If the intransitive gap doesn’t exist, I don’t know what does.

I hope this simplistic page with colors and numbers and letters, just like in the “Baby Einstein” videos helped to serve as your mental stimulation for the entirety of your week, because, after all, a paper is educational.

Keep it safe on the roads, but don’t be afraid to go against the norm and put a face on that says “I am not going to act like I’m dying today because I am moving faster than I can run and that is exciting.”

And, remember: If you own a car and it doesn’t have shag carpet, you are seriously missing out. Always get the shag carpet.



CHALLENGE ACCEPTED: *When humans text and drive, science has shown conclusively that they have the coordination of giraffes. This indispenceable evidence is still being tested in labs somewhere in Arizona...but we’re pretty sure its legit.*



CHECK YOURSELF BEFORE YOU WRECK YOURSELF: *Next time you think its a good idea to sing along to Katy Perry in the car, think again. You look like a bafoon and everyone else on the road knows it. Try humming or whistling to keep it low key and clean for the whole family.*



CALL CHILD SERVICES IMMEDIATELY: *Seriously how could we have missed this, America? Those cookies behind him are only \$5.99! This baby was immediately reprimanded by the store clerk and sentenced to a minimum two minutes time-out. He plead not-guilty on temporary insanity. The jury was not sipping that Kool-Aid, and they sure as heck won’t sip*